

stand behind and be proud of, and I think as the Clerk identified this resolution, it is relatively clear-cut. The resolution in itself, basically, would establish a demonstration on the part of Nebraska that we are supportive of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project being completed in Washington. On your desks, I passed out a sheet that identifies the statue that is being put forward as the memorial as it would be. The statue has already been sculpted and is ready to go. It is a matter of identifying the property at the Vietnam Memorial site to be designated to be used for the placement of that statue. We have had 13 years pass now since the end of the Vietnam War and we have yet to recognize the women who have offered the sacrifices that they did during the Vietnam era as we have recognized the men. The names of those women who were...service women that were killed in that conflict are on the wall with the men, but at the one end of the wall, we have the three soldiers in uniform recognizing them, and I think this would be an opportunity for we, as Americans, to recognize the women specifically that also served by having a statue placed on the other end of the wall, and it fits in in a very similar vein as does the statues of the men. We had over 1,900 Nebraska women who served in Vietnam in one capacity or another, and I think that we, as Nebraskans, that being a very heavy proportion of the females engaged in that conflict, that we, as Nebraskans, should step forward and suggest to Washington through this resolution that they complete the project and have that statue placed there at the memorial with the recognition of the men that are there. And so with that, I offer this resolution and hope that the body will support it wholeheartedly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I just would like to offer my support for this resolution. I had the opportunity to visit the Vietnam Memorial last December and it was a very moving experience. There is something about the aura of the whole place that moves one, and I think that it is only fitting and proper that we support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I want to say a special thank you to Senator Conway for bringing this resolution to us. I, too, have stood